PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

SECOND ASSEMBLY.

FOURTEENTH SESSION, 1944/1119.

Tuesday, the 11th January 1944/27th Dhanu 1119.

The House re-assembled in the Legislative Chamber, Public Offices at 12 noon with the Dewan-President in the Chair.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls:—

1. Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan (*Food Grains Purchase Officer.*)
2. Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Secretary to Government*)
3. Mr. E. G. Salter (*Director of Transport*)
4. Mr. K. Subramonia Pillai (*Director of Agriculture*)
5. Mr. S. N. Ure (*Public Service Commissioner*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Purchase of paddy from Parur and Kunnatnad.

22. * **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN** (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of paddy hitherto purchased by Government from each of the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad from the 15th of Kanni to the 15th of Thulam this year?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Food Grains Purchase Officer*): The quantity of paddy purchased by Government from each of the Taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad from the 16th Kanni to 20th Thulam 1119 is as follows:—

Parur	...	31,466 Paras
Kunnatnad	...	77,095·1 Paras.

Paddy collected from Parur taluk.

23. * **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of paddy taken by Government from the Parur taluk during the Kanni crop season?

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN : 51,172 Paras and 1 1/4 edangalies of paddy till 17-5-1119.

Paddy Lands.

24. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that lands where paddy used to be grown formerly are now being utilised for growing money crops other than food crops : and

(*b*) if so, how many acres are thus used for other cultivation ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Government have no definite information as to the extent of such conversions though there may be lands where sugarcane, bananas and cocoanut trees are being cultivated in certain areas where paddy was grown.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of reply to part (*a*).

Paddy production.

25. * MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavancode*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps during the present year to increase the output of paddy in the taluks of :

(1) Thovala.
(2) Agastiswaram.
(3) Kalkulam, and
(4) Vilavancode.

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture*) : Arrangements have been made for the sale of manures such as Bonemeal and Groundnut cake through Manure Depots specially started with a view to increase the output of paddy.

Distribution of Paddy.

26. * MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the whole paddy purchased by them from the Travancore ryotsup to the end of Karkadagom 1118 have been distributed or sold ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN : No.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know why the paddy was not distributed ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN : Most of the paddy was distributed. There is only a small balance of a lakh of paras left on 17-8-1119. It may be remembered that we purchased about 37 lakhs of paras.

Applications for ration cards.

27. * MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the householders who *do not require* supply of any rationed articles under the ration scheme are required to file applications for ration cards ; and

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